

Donald C. “Donny” Olson-Democrat-Senate District T

Residence Address:

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Mailing Address:

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Age:

61

Place of Birth:

Nome, Alaska

Spouse’s Name:

Willow Olson

Children’s Names:

Martin, Donald, Maggie & Solomon

Occupation:

Doctor, Pilot, Reindeer owner & herder, Businessman, Senator

Length of Residency in Alaska:

Lifelong

Alaskan communities lived in:

Golovin, Nome, Unalakleet, Barrow, Kotzebue, White Mountain

Education:

Various flight schools to achieve: Airline Transport Pilot Licenses; Airplanes and Helicopters. Airframe & Power Plant Mechanics License, Inspector Authorization. Seattle Pacific University, University of Minnesota, Duluth; B.A. Chemistry, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Oral Roberts University School of Medicine; Medical Doctor. University of Colorado School of Law, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.

Political and Government Positions:

Alaska State Senate: 2001-present, Alaska State Medical Board 1995-2001

Business and Professional Positions:

President, Olson Air Service, Inc., Missionary Aviation Repair Center, board member.

Special Interests:

Family, reindeer herding, polar exploration, flying, aviation history, wood turning, reading.

Statement:

Sen. Olson passed legislation forming the Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council. The Council is now working on advising the Legislature & Governor relating to the preservation, restoration, and revitalization of Alaska Native Languages. As a physician, Sen Olson has passed many bills relating to the practice of medicine in Alaska, including genetic privacy, good samaritan civil liability, reforming the state medical board, senior benefits, anti-tobacco marketing, created the Alaska Healthcare Commission, worked on incentives for rural medical providers, worked to ban the availability of synthetic drugs

As a pilot & businessman Sen. Olson has passed many bills relating to airline safety and the importance of airports in rural Alaska, and perhaps most importantly the federal Bypass Mail and Essential Air Service issues, including securing matching funding for safe travel to Diomede.

As a Rural Alaskan Sen. Olson has pushed for the passage of legislation and worked on many issues including subsistence, coastal management, bulk fuel revolving loan funds, oil spill response, strengthening & protecting PCE, climate change issues, VPSO, Alcohol licensing issues, & declining salmon runs.

As a Senator who values education, he has worked on increasing broadband availability for rural Alaska, sought & supported equality measures between urban & rural students, pushed for the popular library grant program, sought & supported funding for school maintenance & construction in rural Alaska. Our future lies with our children and it is important that they be given the best education possible.

I thank you in advance for your continued support.

